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SUBJ INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKERS OF AMERICA MEMBERS NARROWLY

REJECT SPECIAL MEDIATOR PROPOSAL FOR NEW CONTRACT

REF: VANCOUVER 661

1. 30,000 COASTAL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKERS OF AMERICA (IWA) HAVE NARROWLY REJECTED RECOMMENDATIONS BY SPECIAL MEDIATOR MR. JUSTICE HENRY HUTCHEON FOR NEW CONTRACT. VOTE REPORTED TQ PERCENT OPPOSED 49 PERCENT IN FAVOR.

2. OBSERVERS SAY VOTE HARDLY MANDATE FOR STRIKE AND LATER VOTE POSSIBLE. UNION S MAIN OBJECTIONS TO HUTCHEON PROPOSAL ARE TWO-YEAR LENGTH OF CONTRACT AND INADEQUATE COST OF LIVING PROTECTION IN SECOND YEAR. EMPLOYERS HAVE REJECTED ANY CHANGES IN HUTCHEON PROPOSAL WHICH THEY HAVE ONLY "RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED"

3. 7,000 SOUTHERN INTERIOR IWA MEMBERS HAVE APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS BY 84 PERCENT MARGIN, BUT EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION IN THAT AREA HAS NOT YET ACCEPTED OR REJECTED HUTCHEON REPORT.

4. BOTH CANADIAN PAPERWORKERS UNION (CPWU) AND PULP, PAPER UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WOODWORKERS OF CANADA (PPWC) HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL
ESCALATE PICKETING OF IWA OPERATED PLANTS AFTER SEPT. 1.
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